**Soliloquy / Dramatic Monologue Assignment (Gorgona)**



**Soliloquy:** a long speech made by a lone character describing their private thoughts directly to an audience.

**Dramatic Monologue:** long speech made by a character to other characters on stage. The other characters listen, but don’t speak.

Create and become a character from Gorgona’s history. Choose from the following 3 options:

1. **An indigenous Cuna who lived there 3000 years ago**
2. **A conquistador who stayed on the island for seven months in 1527 with Fransisco Pizaro waiting for provisions.**
3. **A prisoner or a guard that lived in the island`s prison from the 1950s to the 1980s.**

Write either a **soliloquy** or a **dramatic monologue** spoken by this character. You may imagine them in a scene speaking to other characters, or you can have them describe private thoughts to the audience directly. **Please say clearly in the title whether this is a dramatic monologue or soliloquy.**

1. **PREWRITING:** Write about 1 page of brainstorm notes on the following questions.

* Who are you? List some of your character traits (bring the list with you).
* What are some things you do on the island? Describe some actions that reveal your character.
* What is your motivation? Why do you do the things you do?
* What do the people around you think about you?
* What are your impressions of the island? (Terrified by the venomous snakes, awed by the natural beauty, etc.) Visit some place on the island for inspiration and describe them.
* Conclude with something for your audience to think about. What should they learn from your life and experiences on Gorgona?

1. **DRAFT:** Write your soliloquy from the point of view of “I”.

**Remember: To really make your character come alive, use words that you think the character would use. Try to speak like the character and use some expressions you think they would say. Your Voice in the writing of the speech is very important.**

* **Edit the draft thoroughly for errors**

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**Marks:**

**Writing** (see the 6 traits rubric) /25

**Grammar/Conventions** /50